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AMENDMENT

In response to Office Action dated June 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11-13, 25-28 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated June 7, 2002, the Examiner required a restriction between the claims of Group I, claims 1-10, 24, drawn to an article, classified in Class 606, subclass 214, claims in Group II, claims 11-13, 25, drawn to a method, classified in